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SUBJECT: EXPROPRIATION OF GULF DEL PERU

REFS: A. LIMA 5273; B. STATE 139936

1. AT CONCLUSION OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS ON JUL 11, FOREIGN
MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL GARCIA BEDOYA HANDED AMBASSADOR RESPONSE
TO OUR NOTE RE GOP'S EXPROPRIATION OF GULF DEL PERU.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:
QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND IN RELATION TO NOTE NO. 413 OF THAT DIPLOMATIC MISSION
WISHES TO MAKE KNOWN THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE PERUVIAN
GOVERNMENT, TO WHICH ITS NOTE REFERS, INVOLVES A SOVEREIGN
ACT IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS FULL RIGHT TO LEGISLATE, WITHIN
THE COUNTRY, AS IT BELIEVES FITTING AND PROPER.
QUOTE FURTHER IT BELIEVES THAT THE PRESERVATION OF
INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC MORALITY CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE VALUES
WHICH SHOULD BE PRESERVED AND DEFENDED WITHIN A SOCIETY
WHICH IS ATTEMPTING TO INCREASE ITS STANDARD OF LIVING,
AS IS PERUVIAN SOCIETY.
QUOTE THIS DOES NOT HINDER AND EVEN LESS SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED A REASON FOR CONCERN BY THE FOREIGN INVESTOR
WHOSE PARTICIPATION IN THE PERUVIAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS
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IS WELCOME, PROVIDING THAT THIS PARTICIPATION IS UNDER-

TAKEN HONESTLY AND IN ACCORD WITH THE LAWS AND INTERESTS
OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED.
QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS TAKES THE
OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND
ESTEEM. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: I BELIEVE THAT THIS REPLY CONSTITUTES THE
LEAST POLEMICAL RESPONSE WE COULD HAVE EXPECTED FROM
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. ITS MODERATE TONE INDICATES THAT
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DID NOT WISH TO MAKE A CASE OF THE
GULF ISSUE, AND IS IN KEEPING WITH GARCIA BEDOYA'S
STATEMENTS TO AMBASSADOR AT THE TIME HE DELIVERED OUR NOTE (REF. A)
THAT HE TOO WISHED TO AVOID INFLAMMATORY LANGUAGE REGARD-
ING GULF.

4. EMBASSY POUCHING COPY OF NOTE TO L/ARA AND ARA/EP.
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